American help to check brain-drain

4577. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "US to help India check brain-drain" pubished in the Hindu on the 14th March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether United States have decided to extend help to India to check the phenomenon of brain-drain; and

(c) if so, the manner in which United States would help India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Government have seen the news-item which appeared in the Hindu on the 14th March, 2002.

(b) No proposal has been received from the United States Government to check the phenomenon of brain-drain from India.

(c) Does not arise.

Visit of Diplomats to Gujarat

4578. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries whose diplomatic representatives visited Gujarat in the wake of recent riots in the state and made comments;

(b) whether Government have reacted thereto; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) According to the information available in the Ministry, only diplomatic representatives below the rank of Ambassador from Germany, Netherlands and UK visited Gujarat;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.